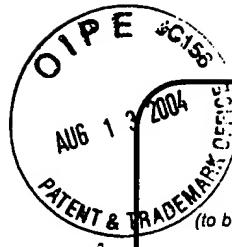


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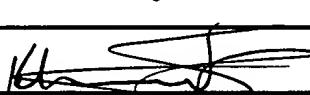
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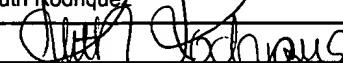
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In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, please amend the subject application as indicated.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 4.

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